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COUNTRY <u>East Germany</u>	SECURITY INFORMATION REPORT
TOPIC <u>Doeberitz Airfield</u>	50X1-HUM
EVALUATION <u></u>	PLACE OBTAINED <u></u>
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REMARKS <u></u>	
<p>50X1-HUM</p> <p>1. Between 17 August and 2 September 1953, no aircraft or activity was observed at Doeberitz airfield. Only individual soldiers or officers were observed in the billeting buildings.</p> <p>50X1-HUM</p> <p>2. About 5:15 p.m. on 20 August, two trucks <u></u> each of them with a trailer were observed in front of the western garages of the artillery equipment park at Doeberitz. Trucks and trailers were loaded with a total of 10 crates which measured 1 x 1.5 x 3 meters and were painted air force blue. The edges of the crates were provided with angle iron. The side walls each had three handles. In the front wall there was an opening, about 30 cm square, which could be closed by means of a slide from above. In the upper right corner of the front side was a device for holding papers. At the upper left corner was an inscription of letters or figures, about 10 cm high; on the left side of the opening were two rows of letters, each 4 or 5 cm high, and on the right side of the opening was an unidentified figure. The trucks proceeded on Highway No 103 to the west. At the same time, truck <u></u> was observed in front of the eastern garages. Three unpacked 12-cylinder V-engines which were about 1 meter high and 130 to 140 cm long were unloaded from the truck.<sup>2</sup></p> <p>50X1-HUM</p> <p>3. <u></u> this barracks installation and the NSKK Kaserne quartered only a technical detail each and the Kraftfahr-Lehr Kaserne a small rear or guard detail, allegedly of Unit Kazavitski. Except for the kitchens in buildings Nos 16 and 82, all kitchens were allegedly out of operation. <u></u> business at the barbershop was poor because of the light occupation but that the commanding officer had told him that new troops were expected to arrive soon. <u></u></p> <p>50X1-HUM</p> <p><u></u> air force soldiers stationed at the airfield had told him that they would move soon and that they would be replaced by soldiers with black epaulets. An employee of the Landratsamt (district office), stated that Doeberitz and Staaken airfields were being vacated in connection with earlier negotiations in regards to the air corridor and that the barracks installations would be occupied by army units.<sup>1</sup></p> <p>4. <u></u></p>	

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5. On 6, 13 and 20 September, no aircraft were seen along Heer Strasse or near the hangars at the southern edge of the field. No soldiers were observed in the vicinity of the closed hangars. The entrance to the field on Heer Strasse was closed and guarded by a sentry who wore black-bordered blue epaulets and armed with a submachine gun. On 20 September, the entrance to the field on Priorter Strasse was open and unguarded. At 11:30 a.m., two railroad tank cars were shunted to the field and parked near the fuel dump. Only little activity was observed near the quarters.

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6. At 10:45 a.m. on 20 September, about 150 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were observed in the northern emplacement of the two AA gun emplacements located at the western edge of the field. Five officers and 1 soldier with red flags apparently for giving signs to aircraft were also observed there. At 11:10 a.m., a total of about 225 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and 8 officers lined up in platoons at the same emplacement. One officer gave orders. Two sedans were parked nearby. In the southern emplacement 5 x 37-mm guns and 4 soldiers were identified.

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7. On 7 September, a major, with black-bordered blue epaulets who was charged with the auditing of bills of the technical unit of the repair shops at the field, stated that Lieutenant Colonel Prokhodtsev (fnu) had left the field. [redacted] The personnel of the technical unit wore black-bordered blue epaulets. No aircraft was observed at the field.

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8. About noon on 7 September, one of the AA gun emplacements was occupied by 6 AA guns, the other by 4 x 37-mm AA guns.<sup>1</sup>
9. On 7 September, Auditor Mushnykh (fnu) of the artillery equipment park was on leave. His deputy was a lieutenant who was also auditor for the Luftwaffen Kaserne and the headquarters on Thaelmann Platz. Very light activity was observed in the artillery equipment park.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Comment. It is believed that no flying unit is presently stationed at Doeberitz airfield, but that the AA gun emplacements northwest and southwest of the field are still occupied by 37-mm AA guns. Lieutenant Colonel Kazavitski is the commanding officer of the ground unit of the ground attack regiment, which transferred from Doeberitz to Brandenburg in late May 1953. Lieutenant Colonel Prokhodtsev was previously reported as chief of the repair shops at Doeberitz in which jet power plants were overhauled.

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2. Comment. A supply headquarters and a repair agency of the Ground Attack Corps as well as a repair shop for jet engines are believed to be stationed at the artillery equipment park. Crates of the size mentioned were reported previously. They probably contain jet engines. Auditor Mushnykh was previously reported from the artillery equipment park.

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